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Re: *United States v. Joshua Adam Hoover FILED 14 SEP 2011 14:25SJD-CRP*
11-CR-0083-HA
Plea Agreement Letter

Dear Counsel:

1. **Parties/Scope:** This plea agreement is between this United States Attorney's Office (USAO) and defendant, and thus does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authority. This agreement does not apply to any charges other than those specifically mentioned herein.
2. **Charges:** Defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count One of the Indictment, which allegesw that on or about July 2, in the District of Oregon, defendant, having been previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, specifically, Possession of a Controlled Substance, on or about September 27, 2007, in the Superior Court of Washington, County of Clark, Case Number 07-1-01070-0, did knowingly and unlawfully possess a firearm, to wit: a High Standard .22 caliber revolver, Sentinel Deluxe (R-107), serial Number 1956746, which had previously been transported in interstate and foreign commerce, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).
3. **Penalties:** The maximum sentence is 10 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, two to three years of supervised release and a \$100 fee assessment. Defendant agrees to pay the \$100 fee assessment by the time of entry of guilty plea or explain to the Court why this cannot be done. Defendant further stipulates to the forfeiture of the firearm as set forth below.
4. **Dismissal/No Prosecution:** The USAO further agrees not to bring additional charges against defendant in the District of Oregon arising out of this investigation, known to the USAO at the time of this agreement.
5. **Sentencing Factors:** The parties agree that the Court must first determine the applicable advisory guideline range, then determine a reasonable sentence considering that range and the factors listed in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Where the parties agree that sentencing factors apply, such agreement constitutes sufficient proof to satisfy the applicable evidentiary standard.

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6. **Relevant Conduct:** The parties agree that the base offense level is 14 pursuant to U.S.S.G. §2K2.1(a)(4)(A). There are no additional specific offense characteristics.

7. **Acceptance of Responsibility:** Defendant must demonstrate to the Court that he fully admits and accepts responsibility under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1 for his unlawful conduct in this case. If defendant does so, the USAO will recommend a three-level reduction in defendant's offense level (two levels if defendant's offense level is less than 16). The USAO reserves the right to change this recommendation if defendant, between plea and sentencing, commits any criminal offense, obstructs or attempts to obstruct justice as explained in U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1, or acts inconsistently with acceptance of responsibility as explained in U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1.

8. **Low End Range:** The USAO will recommend the low end of the applicable guideline range as long as defendant demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility as explained above.

9. **Abandonment of Firearm(s)/Property:** By signing this agreement, defendant hereby voluntarily abandons all right, title and interest to the firearm identified in the indictment.

10. **Additional Departures, Adjustments, or Variances:**

A. Defendant reserves the right to seek a downward departure, adjustment or variance from the applicable sentencing guideline range determined by the Court and understands that the government reserves its right to oppose such a request.

B. Defendant agrees that, should he seek a downward departure, adjustment, or variance from the applicable guideline range determined by the Court and Probation Office, he will provide the government with notice of: (1) the factual basis for such request; (2) any evidence defendant intends to introduce or rely upon at the sentencing hearing; and (3) any witnesses, including expert witnesses, defendant intends to call or rely upon at the sentencing hearing. Such notice must be provided to the government no later than the Wednesday prior to the week during which the sentencing hearing is scheduled. Defendant agrees that if he fails to comply with this notice requirement, he will not oppose a government motion for a postponement of the sentencing hearing.

11. **Waiver of Appeal/Post-Conviction Relief:** Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives the right to appeal from any aspect of the conviction and sentence on any grounds, except for a claim that: (1) the sentence imposed exceeds the statutory maximum, or (2) the Court arrives at an advisory sentencing guideline range by applying an upward departure under the provisions of Guidelines Chapters 4 or 5K, or (3) the Court exercises its discretion under 18

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U.S.C. § 3553(a) to impose a sentence which exceeds the advisory guideline sentencing range. Should defendant seek an appeal, despite this waiver, the USAO may take any position on any issue on appeal. Defendant also waives the right to file any collateral attack, including a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, challenging any aspect of the conviction or sentence on any grounds, except on grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel, and except as provided in Fed. R. Crim. P. 33 and 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2).

12. **Court Not Bound:** The Court is not bound by the recommendations of the parties or of the presentence report (PSR) writer. Because this agreement is made under Rule 11(c)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, defendant may not withdraw any guilty plea or rescind this plea agreement if the Court does not follow the agreements or recommendations of the parties.

13. **Full Disclosure/Reservation of Rights:** The USAO will fully inform the PSR writer and the Court of the facts and law related to defendant's case. Except as set forth in this agreement, the parties reserve all other rights to make sentencing recommendations and to respond to motions and arguments by the opposition.

14. **Breach of Plea Agreement:** If defendant breaches the terms of this agreement, or commits any new criminal offenses between signing this agreement and sentencing, the USAO is relieved of its obligations under this agreement, but defendant may not withdraw any guilty plea.

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15. **Memorialization of Agreement:** No promises, agreements or conditions other than those set forth in this agreement will be effective unless memorialized in writing and signed by all parties listed below or confirmed on the record before the Court. If defendant accepts this offer, please sign and attach the original of this letter to the Petition to Enter Plea.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT C. HOLTON
United States Attorney

GREGORY R. NYHUS
Assistant United States Attorney

I have carefully reviewed every part of this agreement with my attorney. I understand and voluntarily agree to its terms. I expressly waive my rights to appeal as outlined in this agreement. I wish to plead guilty because, in fact, I am guilty.

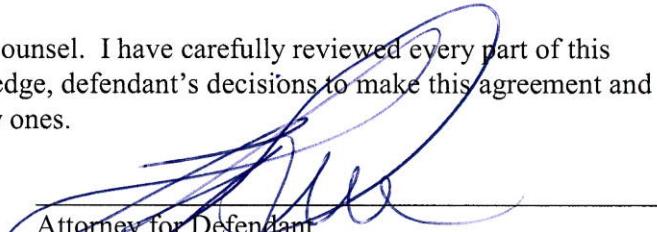
8-19-11
Date



Defendant

I represent the defendant as legal counsel. I have carefully reviewed every part of this agreement with defendant. To my knowledge, defendant's decisions to make this agreement and to plead guilty are informed and voluntary ones.

8/19/11
Date



Attorney for Defendant